

REMARKS

Claims 7-12, 15, 19-39 and 43-48 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Claims 13-14 and 16-18 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 13-14 and 16-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications setting forth those claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the entry of this Supplemental Amendment and Response to the Office Action of August 20, 2001 is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.111(a)(2) because it merely cancels some of the pending claims pursuant to MPEP §714.03(a)IV.(A) and would not interfere with any Office action being prepared in response to the previous reply.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 7-12, 15, 19-39 and 43-48 remain in condition for allowance and accordingly request allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

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